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REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Town of Bath, N. H., for the year ending March 1st, 1887:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,		$ 2,578 23
County pauper bill,		42 61
Taxes from real estate sold,		6 00
Error in Deming School order.		8 00
School money paid by Prudential Com.,		362 57
Rent of Reuben Foster house,		10 00
A. P. Prescott, Collector, 1883—4,		347 25
H. T. Weeks, " 1885—6,		7,986 89
Interest on surplus,		75 00
State Treas., Railroad tax,	$226 33	
Savings Bank tax,	166 22	
Literary Fund,	154 88	547 43
		$11,963 98

PAYMENTS.

County pauper bills,	$ 90 50
Town "	260 65
Abatements,	151 14
Bounties,	20 00
Sheep killed by dogs,	84 00
Extra Highway bills,	1063 72
Town officers,	698 25
Schools,	1439 13
Miscellaneous,	260 28
State tax,	1016 00
County tax,	1021 49
Coupons,	869 00
Cash and orders paid since March 1.	4989 82
	$11963 98

The miscellaneous bills include the following items:—$18 paid Daniel Whitcher on his contract in relation to the Wild Ammonoosuc River; Board of Selectmen, blank books, printing Treasurer's Report last year and printing Check-lists, Insurance of School house in that part of the town formerly known as District No. 4, rent of Grange Hall for Town meetings, discount on tax bill of 1885, return of births, etc.

The sum of $750.62 reported in A. P. Prescott's hands first of March, last, has been reduced by the payment of $347.25, leaving still in his hands $403.37. ($94 41 has been paid since March 1st.)

H. T. Weeks had in his hands March 1, 1886, $2262.24, all of which has been settled and paid into the Treasury.

The amount put into his hands last year for collection was $10,527.96, subject to a rebate on account of the several school houses in town, of $3260.34, leaving a balance of $7267.62, to be collected. $5724.65 has been collected and paid into the Treasury, leaving a balance still in his hands of $1542.97. This amount is due from 112 taxpayers, some of whom have paid a part, others none of their taxes the last year.

It has become the practice in a good many towns to have all taxes collected and the tax bill all settled before the March meeting. The paying of taxes, like many other things, is a matter of habit, the payment of them as soon as due is a sort of cultivated taste. We are not quite up to it yet in Bath, but I really believe it would be the best thing that could happen, not only for the town, but for the taxpayer, if a new rule should be adopted here. It would be rather a severe task to pay two years tax in one year, but after the first year it would be plain sailing.

I understand that the Collectors of Haverhill and Lisbon have both settled the tax bills of last year.

Our Highway taxes last year were raised in labor and we have an item among the bills paid for extra highways of $1063.72. The year before last the Highway tax was raised, half in labor, half in money, and $340. of the half raised in money was unexpended.

In other towns where the Highway tax is raised in money it is reported that the Highways are in better condition than formerly, and are more economically kept in repair.

INDEBTEDNESS.

Bonds of July, 1885, 6s, not presented,	$ 200 00
" " 1890, 6s,	11,250 00
" " 1895, 4s,	9,000 00
Accrued interest,	172 50
Coupons due, not presented,	550 50
Orders estimated,	300 00
	$21,473 00

(Mrs. Hibbard's legacy, $1,150 00)

ASSETS.

Due from real estate sold for taxes,	$ 78 00
Coupons on Hibbard bond,	150 00
Bounty due from State,	20 00
Prescott, Collector,	403 37
Weeks, "	1,542 97
Cash and orders paid since March 1st,	4,989 82
	$ 7,184 16

Indebtedness over assets March 1, 1887,	14,288 84
" " 1886,	15,511 29
Reduction last year,	1,222 45

On July 1st, 1890, about three years hence, $10,250 of the Bonds will become due; our assets are now about $7,000, and if we can save a Thousand dollars a year for the next three years, over and above all other Town bills, we shall be in funds to pay them in full at that time.

Our interest will amount to $487.50 every six months, or $975 each year, for the next three and a half years, not including the Hibbard Legacy Bond.

I would recommend that we raise for all Town purposes the same amounts as last year.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

E. Woods, Treasurer.

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